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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES ON TANKER SAFETY
AND POLLUTION PREVENTION: PREPARATION FOR PLENIPOTENTIARY
CONFERENCE IN LONDON, FEBRUARY 6-17, 1978

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1. DEPARTMENT AND DOT HAVE NOTED LACK OF RESPONSE TO
REFTEL AND ARE CONCERNED THAT ICELAND, WHOM WE KNOW TO BE
GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE U.S. PROPOSALS, MIGHT FAIL TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE FEBRUARY CONFERENCE. FAILURE OF GOI TO
RESPOND MAY BE DUE TO SHORTAGE OF TRAVEL FUNDS IN THE
APPROPRIATE ICELANDIC DIRECTORATE, OR MAY BE BASED ON OTHER
CONSIDERATIONS.

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2. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT MR. H.R. BARDARSON,
STATE DIRECTOR OF SHIPPING, TO EXPRESS OUR INTEREST IN HIS
PARTICIPATION IN THE TSPP CONFERENCE AT IMCO FEB. 6-17,1978.
IF BARDARSON INDICATES ICELANDIC HESITATION IS MERELY
BUREAUCRATIC OR IS SOLELY DUE TO SHORTAGE OF TRAVEL FUNDS,
EMBASSY IS THEN REQUESTED TO INDICATE AT THE MOST

APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF GOI, ABOVE BARDARSON, THAT U.S. DELEGATION LOOKS FORWARD VERY MUCH TO ICELANDIC PARTICIPATION IN TSPP CONFERENCE AND HOPES THAT AN ICELANDIC DELEGATION WILL ATTEND.

3. PLEASE REPORT ICELANDIC REACTION.

4. FYI: BARDARSON HAS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED TO A MEMBER OF THE U.S. DELEGATION THAT HE MIGHT HAVE DIFFICULTY GETTING AUTHORIZATION TO ATTEND TSPP CONFERENCE. HE INDICATED THAT A SPECIFIC U.S. INDICATION OF INTEREST IN ICELANDIC PARTICIPATION WOULD PROBABLY SERVE TO TRIGGER AUTHORIZATION FOR AN ICELANDIC DELEGATION TO ATTEND. SINCE WE CAN USE EVERY SUPPORTIVE VOICE WE CAN GET, WE WOULD NOT WISH TO FAIL TO GET BARDARSON DUE TO FAILURE ON OUR PART TO SHOW SUCH SPECIFIC INTEREST. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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